

THE country will congratulate Chairman Dingley on his new tariff law when Congress meets. Neither he nor Congress will have occasion to be ashamed of its record.

CHINA appeals to the Czar for protection from German aggression. A combination between Russia and China would include more than a third of the earth's inhabitants.

THE ice is usually out of the Yukon by June 10 and the river is frozen again by November 1. It is evident that the land routes to the Klondike will get the most travel.

THOSE newspapers which were talking of "defeating Mark Hanna" for the Senate have suspended that kind of talk since the sentiment of the country has been heard on that proposition.

A CONSERVATIVE paper in London warns the Madrid authorities against Weyler as a political factor. It would be strange if Weyler, after desolating Cuba, should be the cause of revolution in Spain.

THE attention of Mr. Bryan is respectfully called to the fact that there are whispered rumors from Mexico that its statesmen and financiers are seriously contemplating the adoption of the gold standard.

GEN. COXLEY is present at a meeting of the Middle-of-the-road Populists in St. Louis, but is missing a good opportunity to explain the decline of his vote in Ohio for Governor from 50,000 to 5,000.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN says the expansion of the British Empire is "fulfilling the manifest destiny of our race." This may work until some other manifest destiny is encountered, when trouble is likely to ensue.

SOME of the papers argue that the Populist party is dead because it counts for little in the election returns of the year. The Populists rejoice that they have converted the Democratic party and that answers their purpose.

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WORK on the reciprocity features of the new tariff law is making splendid progress. A dozen or more countries have already indicated a desire to enter into reciprocal relations with the United States, and there is every reason to believe that this feature of the new law will prove more satisfactory than did the reciprocal features of the McKinley law.

THERE is no particular cause for alarm over the announcement that Mr. Bryan and his associates, who recently put their heads together at Louisville, are determined "to keep up the fight for silver." The facts are that the Republicans made gains in the counties which Mr. Bryan visited in Ohio, and also made gains in the cities which he visited last year.

THE first country to send a commission to Washington to plead for reciprocity and a general understanding by which trade relations under the new law should be made as compared with those under the old law was one of the hardest "kickers" against that law when it was under consideration. The Canadian Government, in sending its chief official to Washington to open the way for negotiations in this line, showed that all of the complaints about our tariff and its proposed retaliations were only for effect, and are no longer thought of in a retaliatory way.

THE Democratic statesmen who were laughing in their sleeves during the consideration of the Dingley law over the fact that a dozen or more countries had threatened to retaliate by excluding our products from their ports in case this country again adopted a high tariff against their products laugh no longer. An examination of the books of the Treasury Department shows that our exports to those countries in the first two months of the Dingley law were far in excess of our exportations to these same countries in the corresponding two months of last year under the Wilson law, thus justifying the Republicans in their belief that the threats of retaliation were groundless.

WEYLER talks just as he used to. When he was in Cuba it was his habit to appoint dates for the end of the Cuban insurrection. When these set times arrived the revolutionists were as active as ever. Weyler is now telling his Spanish friends that if he had been let alone, he would have ended the war by next May.

SO SOME of the millionaires are going to chip in a million dollars, with which to make out a life-size gold statue of President McKinley, are they? Well, they can probably afford it. But it cost them more than that when they made him President. - Oil City Blizzard.

WE don't believe the millionaires ever contemplated any such nonsense, but we do believe it cost the Silver Barons twice that to not make Billy Bryan President.

THE free traders have exhausted the resources of the dictionary to find scathing epithets for the tariff which gives Protection to American industries. "Robber Tariff" is one of their favorite names for it. The vast majority of the people of the country, however, are agreed that the true "robber tariff" was the free trade Wilson-Gorman law which robbed them of their work, their wages and their prosperity.

THE calamity howlers are hard to please. In 1896, Bryan, Sibley & Co. were howling about low prices and promising in case the silverites won that dollar wheat and increased prices for wool and everything the "poor farmer" raised would be certain to follow. Bryan was not elected, but wheat and wool are higher, and now the howlers are shedding tears for the poor man who has to pay higher prices for his flour and clothing.

Distasteful Prosperity.

THE prospect that as a result of the excess of exports over imports our balance of trade will continue to increase, and will require still larger exports of gold from Europe to the United States, is recognized with dismay by the London Statist of October, as follows:

With large cotton shipments in October, November and December, and with the high price of wheat, the merchandise balance for the six months ending December will be larger than ever previously. In October, 1896, the favorable balance reached \$63,000,000, in November it was \$59,000,000, and in December \$55,000,000, while even in January it was \$42,000,000. Should anything like these figures be witnessed in the present year, and should trade in the United States continue to revive, it cannot be doubted that further considerable sums of gold must be taken.

Eminent free-trade authority is the Statist, and its candid recognition of the remarkable increase in our sales to foreign countries under the system of protection cannot but bring pain to the many misguided theorists who have all along insisted that it could not be; that we must buy as much as we sold, and that for this reason a protective tariff would cut us off from any demand for our surplus products. Prosperity at such a price is extremely distasteful. Better that the times should continue distressingly hard than that a favorite free-trade dogma should be eternally smashed. It is such a type of Americanism that is bred by the free trade propaganda.

About School Appropriations.

Under the new school law, providing for the distribution of the annual appropriation, the president and secretary of each school board are required to make returns under oath to the county superintendent in November of each year, giving the actual number of paid teachers in their respective districts. A failure to make this report is punishable by forfeiture of the appropriation.

The above item has been going the rounds of the press for the past three weeks and is very misleading as to the provisions of the law passed by the last legislature providing for a new and more equitable method of distributing the State appropriations to the common schools. There is nothing in the act relative to the forfeiture of any portion of the appropriation as a penalty for non-compliance with its provisions. The only section of the new act making any reference to the president and secretary of the school board is Sec. 4, prescribing their duties, and that section we quote as follows:

Section 4. That on the first Monday of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and biennially thereafter, the president and secretary of each school board shall, under oath, certify to the county, city or borough superintendent of their respective counties, cities or boroughs, the number of teachers in their employ as contemplated in this act; and on the first Monday of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and biennially thereafter, the said county, city or borough superintendent shall, under oath, make return to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in such blank as he shall prepare, a tabulated return by districts of the teachers of his county, city or borough, and any president or secretary of a school board or superintendent of a county, city or borough, who neglects or refuses to perform his duty within ten days of the time designated, shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars.

The new law is one of the best ever passed by any legislature, in that it is designed to take care of the smaller counties and more sparsely settled districts which will receive a much larger proportion of the annual appropriations than heretofore. Forest county's increase ought to be nearly one-third under this act.

STATE POLITICS.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—Politics do not seem to make a ripple upon the placid surface of the state of Pennsylvania at the present time. But this apparent rest should not be taken too seriously. There is a good deal of agitation under the surface, and it will break loose in due time. Before this letter reaches the reader Senator Quay, who has returned to Washington from his Florida retreat, will have plunged once more into the excitement and worry of political and legislative life at the national capital. Senator Penrose has already gone to Washington, where he has secured quarters for the winter. Nearly all of the members of the Pennsylvania delegation are getting housed for a winter, and otherwise preparing for a short, sharp and decisive campaign under the big dome of the capitol. It must be said in all candor that the state of Pennsylvania never had a better or more energetic representation at the capitol than it has at the present time, and the two senators and the congressman can be depended upon to get all there is possible to get for the state of Pennsylvania, both in the way of appointments and appropriations.

The prospects of a new state capitol being built upon the ruins of the old structure at Harrisburg in time to be ready for occupancy on the part of the legislature in January, 1899, are excellent. The new capitol building commission, under a decision of the supreme court, has decided not to compensate the six specially invited architects who submitted plans unless they can show that their plans conformed to the program as prepared by the commission. These special architects were to receive \$1,000 each.

Architect Henry Ives Cobb, who has been selected to supervise the construction of the new capitol, has presented modified plans and specifications, and submitted them for approval. All of them have been approved, with some slight alterations. Under the new plan the senate and house will be situated as in the old capitol, instead of the house being in the rear of the senate, as the original Cobb plan provided for. The rest of the alterations will be produced at a meeting to be held next week, and if approved the contract will be let. It was also decided to let the entire contract for excavations, foundation and superstructure to one contractor, and not divide it up.

The fight that is being waged against the Martin and Magee machines in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh continues, and the performance is being watched with unabated interest by the people of the commonwealth. The people are fed some of the time, but not all the time. In other words, mere perfunctory exhibitions of harmony on the part of Senator Quay or any other leader are not sufficient to reconcile the voters to either Mr. Martin or Mr. Magee. Senator Quay evidently realizes this important truth, and will learn in time that the Republican party is much safer without the aid of such men than it is with their help or assistance.

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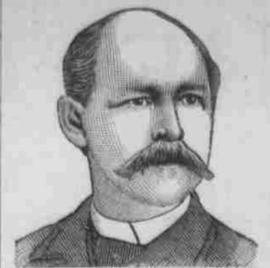
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Tionesta, Pa., Oct. 11, 1897. 10-13-97

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the limited partnership entered into on the 17th day of May, 1897, by John Hoy, Edward Hoy and Patrick Hoy, under the name of the Hoy Natural Gas Company Limited, for the purpose of procuring, dealing in, transporting, storing, supplying and selling natural gas to such persons, corporations, or associations as may desire to use and purchase the same within the Counties of Venango, Clarion, Forest and Warren in the Com. of Pennsylvania, for the period of twenty years from said date, under the Act of June 2, 1874, entitled, "An act authorizing the formation of partnership associations in which the capital shall alone be responsible for the debts of the association, except under certain circumstances, and the several supplements thereto, has been dissolved by the mutual consent of the parties."

JOHN HOY, EDWARD HOY, PATRICK HOY, Prothonotary.

MULLIN & MULLIN, Attorneys for Assignee, 11-26-21, Bradford, Pa.

NOTICE. In the Court of Common Pleas of Forest County, No. 53, August Term, 1896.

To Whom it May Concern: Take notice that an application for the discharge of Henry J. Brock, the assignee of the above assigned estate has been made to said Court, and that a rule was thereupon granted to show cause why said assignee should not be discharged and the assigned estate re-conveyed to the assignor, returnable to the next Argument Court.

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F. R. LAWRENCE. RESOLUTION OF the Council of Tionesta Borough, Forest Co., Pa.

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Attest: J. T. DALE, President of Council. D. W. CLARK, Secretary. Approved this 28th day of October, 1897. K. C. HEATH, Burgess.

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